



# By the King. A PROCLAMATION

*Containing His Majesties Gracious Indemnity.*

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AMES the Seventh, by the Grace of GOD, King of Scotland, England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all and singular Our good Subjects, whom these Presents do, or may concern, Greeting: We taking into Our Royal Consideration, That notwithstanding the Prudence, Justice, and unparalleled Clemency, which did ever accompany the Government of Our most Dear, and most entirely beloved Brother, King Charles the Second, of ever blessed Memory, Several Wicked and Seditious Subjects, did break out into open Rebellions, and Conspiracies against His Sacred Person and Government. And albeit GOD did on all occasions manifest His Wrath against them, and their Enterprizes, So as their Designs were defeated, and several of their Persons brought to Condign and Just Punishment; yet some few of them were either so malicious, or foolish, as to be ensnared by others, to persevere in their Hellish Principles and Practices, both in defiance of all Law and Justice, and in open Contempt of the Reiterated Pardons, published and offered by His said late Majesty. And now Our Royal Prudence, and the Care of Our People obliging Us to take full Information of the Chief Movers, and most active Instruments, in these pernicious Commotions, Before We determine Our Royal Pleasure concerning them, which We hope to attain in a very short time; yet as a Demonstration of Our Innate Clemency (which also has shin'd in the whole Line of Our Royal Race) and of Our Resolution to imitate the Glorious Example of Our said dearest Royal Brother, We have Resolved to Pardon; Likeas, We do hereby Pardon, Indemnifie, and Forgive all Our Subjects in Our Ancient Kingdom of Scotland, under, and below the degree of Heretors, Liferenters, Woodsetters, Burgeses of Burghs-Royal, and vagrant Preachers of all Rebellions, Treasons, Seditions, Insurrections, Refet, Intercommuning, Fire-raising, Robberies, Slaughters, Free-Quarters, Leasing-making, Concealing of Treason, and of all Crimes in general Committed by them, or any one of them, by Word, Writ, or Deed, against Our Government, and the Laws of Our Kingdom, in any time preceeding the Date of this Our Royal Proclamation. Declaring hereby all and every one of them Free and Secure from all Punishments, or Trouble for the same, either in their Persons, or Goods, in all Time coming. Excepting only as to such Fines, for which already Sentences are pronounced; And likewise excepting from this Our Gracious Pardon, all those who are guilty of the Assassination of James late Arch-Bishop of St. Saint Andrews, Person, Minister at Carsfarn, Thomas Kennoway, and Duncan Stuart. And We do hereby declare Our Royal Will and Pleasure, That this Act of Indemnity and Pardon shall be extended to all who are at present declared Fugitives; Providing these Fugitives make Address within twenty days after the Publication hereof, to our Privy Council, Our Justice-Court, or any of our Sheriffs in Our said Kingdom, Testifying their Acceptance of this Our Pardon, by taking the Oath of Allegiance, or otherwise finding Caution to Transport themselves out of Our Three Dominions of Scotland, England, and Ireland, before the twentieth day of May, next ensuing the Date of these Presents, and to live Peaceably after the said Publication, until they shall Transport themselves, and never to return to any Part, or Place of Our said Dominions, without a License from Us, or Our Privy Council aforesaid, under pain of Death. And We do Command, That this Our Pardon and Indemnity be apply'd and understood in the most ample Sense and Meaning, whereof the Words are capable, and that no Person included therein be Troubled or Molested, for any Cause aforesaid in Judgment, or outwith the same, in any time hereafter. And lastly, To the end all Our good Subjects may have notice of this Our Royal Will and Pleasure; We do hereby Command Our Lyon King at Arms, and his Brethren Heralds, Macers, Purservants, and Messengers at Arms, to make timeous Proclamation hereof, at the Mercat Cross of Edinburgh,

Given at our Court at *white-Hall* the Twenty Sixth of February 168<sup>th</sup>. And of Our Reign the First Year.

By His Majesties Command,  
JO. DRUMMOND.

EDINBURGH, the 1 day of March. 1685.

The Lords of His Majesties Privy Council Ordains His Majesties gracious Indemnity above written, to be published at the Mercat Cross of *Edinburgh*, with the usual and accustomed Solemnities; and thereafter Ordains the same to be Printed and Published at the whole Mercat Crosses of the Head Burghs of the Shires of this Kingdom, and other Places needful, by the several Sheriffs, and others concern'd: And Recommends to the Arch-Bishops and Bishops, to cause their several Ministers Read from the Pulpit on a Lord's Day, after Divine Service, His Majesties said Gracious Indemnity, that all Persons concerned may have notice of the same.

COL. MCKENZIE, *cls. Sti. Concilii.*

## GOD save the KING.